

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2, 4 and 7 without prejudice, amend claims 1, 3, 5 and 6, and add new claims 8 and 9, as follows:

1. (Amended) A food and drink conveying system comprising:
a conveying path for [making a circulation of] circulating
food and drink;

a plurality of [tables] stations each having an
5 identification, and being arranged along the conveying path;

a conveying container which contains [therein] the food or
the drink and which is placed on the conveying path; and

AR [a] noticing means for [giving] providing an orderer at one
of the plurality of stations [a] notice of an arrival of his/her
10 food or drink, [order contained in the conveying container]

wherein the conveying container includes an input portion in
which an identification of one of the plurality of stations is
input, and operation control means for controlling operation of
the noticing means by an input to the input portion and enabling
15 only the orderer at the one of the plurality of stations to
remove the food or drink from the conveying path.

b3 ~~23.~~ (Amended) A food and drink conveying system according
to Claim 1, wherein the conveying container [has] includes a
retracting portion in which the food or the drink is kept
retracted until [a] notice by [means of] the noticing means is
5 started and from which the food or the drink is exposed so as to

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be taken out when the notice is provided by [means of] the
noticing means [is started].

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(Amended) A food and drink conveying system according
to Claim [2] 1, wherein the operation control means [is provided
with] includes a timer [facility] in which travelling time for
the conveying container to travel to the individual [tables]
5 stations is preset and wherein the conveying path is provided
with a timer start gate portion for [letting] starting operation
of the timer [of the timer facility start so that at a point in
time when the conveying container placed on the conveying path
passes the timer start gate portion, the timer of the timer
10 facility can be started].

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(Amended) A food and drink conveying system according
to Claim 3, wherein the operation control means [is provided
with] includes a timer [facility] in which travelling time for
the conveying container to travel to the individual [tables]
5 stations is preset and wherein the conveying path is provided
with a timer start gate portion for [letting] starting operation
of the timer [of the timer facility start so that at a point in
time when the conveying container placed on the conveying path
passes the timer start gate portion, the timer of the timer
10 facility can be started].

Please add new claims 8 and 9 as follows:

5 ~~5~~ 8. A food and drink conveying system comprising:

a conveying path for circulating food and drink;

a plurality of stations arranged along the conveying path;

a conveying container which contains the food or the drink

5 and which is placed on the conveying path; and

noticing means for providing an orderer notice of an arrival
of his/her food or drink,

05 wherein the conveying container includes a retracting
portion in which the food or the drink is kept retracted until
notice by the noticing means is provided and from which the food
or the drink is exposed so as to be removed by said orderer.

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9. A food and drink conveying system according to Claim 8, 5

wherein the operation control means includes a timer in which
travelling time for the conveying container to travel to the
individual stations is preset and wherein the conveying path is
5 provided with a timer start gate portion for starting operation
of the timer.--